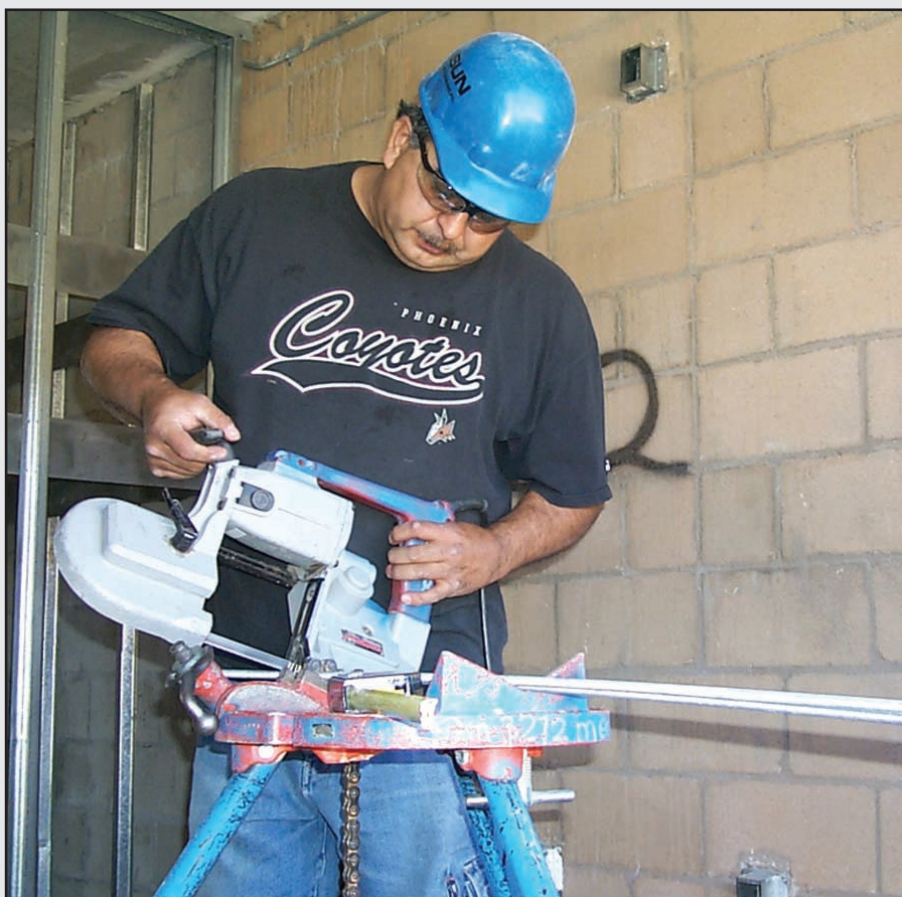


DESERT AIRMAN

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base, Ariz.

Friday, March 14, 2003

Threadin' the pipe



Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

Joe Espinoza, Sun Mechanical construction worker, cuts threads on the hangers for water pipes as part of the construction project for the new dormitory buildings. All four stages are scheduled to be completed in 2007.

Stop Loss on again

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower and Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are stop lost.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're prepared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve and Air

National Guard) for the attached career fields and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique

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D-M welcomes local youth in the Pilot For A Day Program

By Senior Airman Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base community consolidated resources and manpower March 7 to give pilot for a day, Tommy Groeger, a wonderful time and lifelong memories.

Tommy is an eight-year-old boy afflicted with Muscular Dystrophy.

He got to step into an Air Force pilot's shoes for a day as part of the Pilot For A Day Program.

The program is held every three to four

months with a different child, according to Capt. Joe Brosious, 358th Fighter Squadron scheduling officer.

"Tommy was chosen because he showed an interest in the program. We look for children who are excited about the Air Force and have a life-affecting illness. Once we find someone like that, we jump all over the chance to initiate them into this program," said Maj. Nathan Brauner, 355th Operations Group functional check flight officer in charge.

Items on Tommy's itinerary included: taking the pilot oath at the 357th Fighter Squad-

ron; getting fitted for a flight suit; a life support tour and briefing; an A-10 ride simulation; A-10 and EC-130 static displays; a United States Customs tour and HH-60 engine start; Aerospace Maintenance and Regeneration Center, control tower and fire department tours; and Security Forces military working dog demonstration.

"I think the best thing is that this program fulfills the child's dream. It lets them live a day in the life of a pilot. I think he's really

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**Re-enlist with the
Thunderbirds**

The United States Air Force Thunderbirds will be re-enlisting airmen and NCOs while they are here for Aerospace and Arizona Days 2003, March 29 and 30. Deadline to sign up to be re-enlisted by the Thunderbirds is March 24 at 2 p.m. For more information, contact Tech. Sgt. Jenaro Jackson at 228-5680 or Senior Airman Cheryl Peden at 228-1982 in the 355th Mission Support Squadron Reenlistment Office.

Guard kudos

Concern: One recent morning driving in Craycroft Gate, I was impressed by the efficiency, military bearing, snappy salutes and courtesy of the gate guards. They were professional--inspiring confidence that they could handle any situation that might arise. Just let them know that they are appreciated.

Response: Thank you for taking the time out to recognize our professionals at the gate. The 355th Security Forces Squadron and 1/180th FA Thunder Horse have built a cohesive team both on the gates and roads throughout the base. Ensuring the safety of both our people and assets requires the efforts of every airman, soldier and family member on Davis-Monthan.

Retreat sounds

Concern: My question is: can you tell me the official base policy on the playing of retreat? Most days the horns sound at 5 p.m. The other day, it was only about 4:30 p.m. Any guidance you may be able to provide would be much appreciated.

Response: Normally retreat is performed at 5 p.m. daily. However, on the last Thursday of every month, one of our groups organizes a formation for a formal retreat ceremony, to pay respect to our flag. This is at 4:30 p.m. in order to keep the largest number of participants on a regular schedule.

Commissary

Concern: The rest rooms at the commissary are dirty and things are not stocked properly. More importantly, I had a bad cashier who was extremely ill and was touching all the things I had bought. In addition, she was rude.

Response: I totally agree--rude or ill cashiers will not be tolerated. With your help, we located the cashier and counseled her on proper, professional courtesies and our policy of not working while ill. In reference to our bathrooms, effective immediately, we have set up a rotation chart to ensure they are checked on a regular basis. I apologize for any inconvenience these incidents may have caused.

Supporting each other and working together to provide the best programs and services is a goal for all D-M people.

Ideas, suggestions, comments, concerns and kudos are important to make improvements.

The best way to pass along a comment or to get an answer to a concern is to **contact the agency chief or functional managers listed here.** Still no solution? The Commander's Corner phone line is 228-4747.

An e-mail can also be sent to: 355thWing.CommandersCorner@dm.af.mil.

Callers must leave their name, phone number and a message. They will receive a prompt reply in writing or by telephone.

We will honor caller confidentiality, but sometimes we need to contact callers to gather additional information.

If a concern is of general interest to the base populace, the response may be published in the *Desert Airman*. Anonymous calls may not be published.

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Col. Larry Stutzriem
355th Wing Commander



Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

Airman 1st Class Brian Marts, 355th Wing Chapel chaplain's assistant, prepares wafers for a Protestant communion service. The chapel holds Protestant communion services the first Sunday of each month and Catholic communion each day at 11:30 a.m.

Team D-M Mission Spotlight

The 355th Wing Chapel's commitment statement to members is, "We will accord your personal religious convictions - and your understanding of your needs - with fundamental dignity and respect. We will support and serve you in keeping with the teaching and discipline of the churches that have nurtured, instructed and ordained us - and have provided us to the Air Force. We provide for the religious and spiritual needs of all Air Force members and their families, without exception." Davis-Monthan Air Force Base boasts both the Desert Dove Chapel and the Hope Chapel. The base chapels hold Protestant and Roman Catholic services. They also refer off-base for Jewish, Islamic and other services. They can also help with baptisms and weddings. Communications with a military chaplain are privileged, meaning that they will be kept in strictest confidence and not be revealed to anyone without your consent. A chaplain can help with: spiritual and religious questions; dealing with doubt, fear of death, grief, or other crises; marriage, family and relationship concerns; preparation for marriage; relationship adjustments; personal, moral and ethical issues; pressures in social or work environments; concerns about human dignity and quality of life; and discovering; choosing and implementing life goals.

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Letters to the troops -- there is a way

By Capt. Chrissy Cuttia
355th Wing Public Affairs

A Davis-Monthan Air Force Base member found a way to send messages to troops overseas with the help of the U.S. Army Military Affiliated Radio System Program.

After the wake of Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, the Department of Defense suspended "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" mail programs due to force protection concerns.

Staff Sgt. Greg Peters, D-M Airman Leadership School information manager, discovered that he could use his amateur radio license and volunteer position with MARS to send messages many citizens wanted to write to servicemembers overseas world wide.

"I have the satisfaction of knowing that the military overseas are receiving their messages," said Peters. "I believe it builds morale that youngsters here write and know what's going on in the world. It would boost my morale. Some messages even bring tears to my eyes."

The MARS program is a volunteer organization sponsored by Headquarters U.S. Army to provide Department of Defense sponsored emergency communications on a local, national and international basis as an adjunct to normal communications. The purpose is to provide auxiliary communications for military, civil and disaster officials during periods of emergency and to assist in effecting normal communications under emergency conditions.

Working with MARS, Peters began to solicit letters to "any service member" overseas from the local community. Since October Peters has sent more than 600 messages, transmitting letters from local elementary school students via high frequency radio, voice and digital networks operated by MARS from his home.

The military postal system simply cannot screen for safety and process the tons of mail

that would be generated from such programs. In addition, mail from families and loved ones of servicemembers might be delayed due to the volume of mail from the general public. MARS messaging, however, is an approved and official way to do so.

The best way to send a letter to the troops is to e-mail Peters through The Arizona Army MARS Web site, <http://azarmymars.org>, click on MARSgrams Online.

Messages transmitted by Peters go to either the west or east coast headquarters MARS gateway station, are copied and then automatically routed to its destination by ZIP code. They travel as fast as e-mail and can be received as an e-mail, voice, radio or military mail. The format of the message at the destination is dependent on the capabilities at each location. Whether digital or on paper, MARS messages can be posted on a bulletin board for servicemembers to access.

"I can compare myself with Radar on the television series MASH," said Peters. "All those messages Hawkeye told him to send back to his guys in the states would have been done entirely by MARS."

For 12 of his 17 years in the military, Peters has been a radio operator. He used to have a military position with MARS, but after it became a civilian-owned operation he received an amateur license through almost six months of civilian training and volunteered for MARS. Currently Peters is the Arizona state training officer.

"I was in awe when the first letter came back from a servicemember and I am pleased this system is working," said Peters. A few wrote back after receiving their MARS messages thanking the children for their letters. One servicemember wrote back to a fifth grade student explaining how he is like a big brother in their larger family, America, and he is far from family to protect his larger family, just as any big brother would watch over a sibling in need.

News Notes

Construction

The Saber Contractor will install a concrete slab for the new roller-hockey rink located in the Palo Verde Housing Area near the intersection on Quijota Boulevard and Mustang Drive Saturday.

Work on the roller-hockey rink will begin at 5 a.m. and is expected to last throughout the day. Expect high levels of noise, light and activity during this time period.

Please avoid this area during construction of the roller-hockey rink.

Estate claims

Any person or persons having claims for, or against, the estate of Airman 1st Class Kiley Lee, deceased, assigned to 355th Component Maintenance Squadron should contact the summary court officer, 1st Lt. Paul Schwennesen, 355th CMS, at 228-5377.

Promotion to colonel

The following Davis-Monthan Air Force Base members were selected for colonel: Lt. Col. Milo Gavin, 355th Operations Group; Lt. Col. Terry Featherston, 358th Fighter Squadron; Lt. Col. William Cumbie, 355th Wing; Lt. Col. Paul Montgomery, 612th Air Operations Group

Burger King closure

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Burger King is going through required renovation to modernize and upgrade the restaurant until March 22.

The drive thru will remain open until March 31.

After March 31, the restaurant will be closed for a considerable amount of time in order to complete construction on the kitchen.

Smallpox

Smallpox vaccination briefings will be given Tuesdays from 8 a.m. to noon, Wednesdays from noon to 4 p.m. and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. until further notice.

The individuals tasking personnel for the vaccinations must have coordinated with the personnel readiness unit prior to scheduling. For additional questions, contact Staff Sgt. Jessica Despot at 228-1536.

Clinic closure

All 355th Medical Group clinics will be closed March 29 for the Aerospace and Arizona Days 2003.

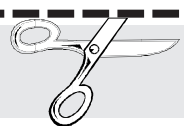
For questions, or more information, call Capt. John Altevers at 228-1585.

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Enlisted airmen have opportunity to earn commission

By Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke
355th Wing Public Affairs

The Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps is still accepting a limited number of enlisted applicants majoring in non-technical degrees, while there are still plenty of openings for technical majors.

"Because there are so many qualified applicants out there, it makes it competitive," said Col. David Dyche, AFROTC Detachment 20 commander, "but I continue to strongly encourage qualified enlisted personnel to apply."

Air Force ROTC Det. 20, located at the University of Arizona, is home to more than 15 cadets who were former enlisted airmen. Several were stationed at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base.

They are a testimony to the enlisted people who wish to get a commission through AFROTC, and some of them have retained their enlisted pay.

"I was accepted into ROTC through the [Airman Education and Commissioning Program],

which allows me to stay on active-duty as an E-5 without the responsibility of working," said Cadet Michael Kiefer, AFROTC student at the U of A.

Before getting accepted, he had two other failed attempts trying to get into a commissioning program.

"I tried to get into the Air Force Academy, and then I tried the [Scholarships for Outstanding Airmen to ROTC] program. Finally, on my third attempt, I made it into the program I'm in now," said Kiefer.

"If you're trying to get a commission and don't make it into a program on the first or second try, keep trying. If you want it bad enough, you'll make it," he added.

Getting in one of the programs does come with its challenges.

"I think you should start preparing about a year out," said Cadet Paula Chittick, AFROTC University of Arizona student and prior staff sergeant at D-M. Certain requirements must be fulfilled depending on which pro-

gram a person will get accepted through, but according to Chittick, all of them take patience and planning.

The challenges don't stop after entering AFROTC.

"In the college environment, the mindset is staying up late and studying," said Cadet Sakura Kawano, "but in ROTC, having to get up at 5 a.m. is common."

Staying up late isn't the only influence cadets are under from college lifestyle.

"Displaying the proper leadership to newer cadets can be quite a challenge when they are also influenced by the college life," said Cadet Jeremy Council, AFROTC U of A student. "Because we wear the uniform we must set a professional example to other cadets and civilians alike because we still represent the Air Force."

Chittick suggests one challenge for prior enlisted ROTC students is coming in under the supervision of younger cadets who have not yet had the experience of active duty. "But the end justifies the means,"

she said, explaining that it's worth the humility to reach the goal of a commission.

Despite the challenges, the effort put into ROTC proves to be worth it.

"Of the different ways to get commissioned, ROTC offers an easier transition into the officers corps because cadets start out as civilians with minor military responsibilities," said Dyche. "Also, ROTC offers a greater breadth of experience while going through school."

Dyche also believes the prior enlisted cadets have an advantage over other cadets.

"The prior enlisted [airmen], on average are more appreciative of their education and tend to perform better," he said. "Because of age and life experience, their maturity is advanced and they usually have more discipline than a typical college freshman."

For more information on AFROTC, call the 355th Wing Education Office at 228-4249 or online at www.AFROTC.com.

Stop Loss

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circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said.

"We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact the Davis-Monthan military personnel flight at 228-5366, the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center at

(210) 565-2374, DSN 665-2374 or visit their Web site at www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

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* Denotes April 2003 conversions.

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motivated and invigorated. He had fun and was able to achieve one of his lifelong dreams," said Airman 1st Class Jessica Carrillo, 357th FS aircrew life support apprentice.

"Any time you do something good for someone else, it's also good for the Air Force," said Brauner. "It provides a positive view of what we do here. Our jobs are exciting. Sharing that excitement with the outside community pays off large dividends for the Air

Force. It was great to see the personnel involved fall all over themselves to make sure Tommy has the best day possible."

Lisa Groeger, Tommy's mother, also had positive things to say about the experience. "He's very passionate about the Air Force and everything related to it. In the future, when he sees an A-10 fly overhead,

he'll know what that means and be able to say he was a part of it. He misses out on a lot of things other children participate in. This

gives him something to talk about that the other kids don't have."

Tommy also had a few words to say about his day at D-M. "I liked the CH-46 helicopter and the A-10

simulator the best. It was neat and the guys are cool. They were nice and funny and made lots of jokes. This was the best day ever. Foghorn gave me a bullet. It was pretty cool. I was wondering if they were gonna give me one."

"They gave me seven squadron coins. I'm going to show them to my grandma, then put them in my safe. Oh yeah, I also liked the popcorn," Tommy added.

Popcorn and all, D-M came together as a team, as they so often do, to make a dream come true and provide a life-altering experience for one child and his family. We all wish Tommy the best in the future.



Tommy Groeger uses binoculars to survey the airfield. D-M hosted Groeger in the Pilot For A Day program.

355th Wing Command Post best in Air Combat Command

Story and photo by
Staff Sgt. Chris Stagner
355th Wing Public Affairs

The 355th Wing Command Post was named the Air Combat Command Command Post of the Year for 2002.

The command post continues a streak of 355th Wing members and organizations winning awards at ACC and Air Force levels as it won the best in ACC while competing against 15 other nominees.

The command post is an important part of the wing mission. "We're primarily an alerting and reporting function of the base. We do everything from giant voice to initiating recalls for deployment," said Senior Master Sgt. Anthony Clary, 355th Wing CP superintendent.

The mission of the command post here is broad. Unlike many command posts in the Air Force, the 355th Wing CP supports three different commands; Southern Command, North American Aerospace Defense Command and ACC.

The competition for command post of the year focused on the areas of security; training and certification; daily operations; management and communications; operational reporting; and status of resources and training.

"It's an excellent command post to work at," said Senior Airman Jennifer Marrero, 355th Wing CP emergency action senior controller. "We have great leadership."

Marrero's thoughts were solidified by a January 2003 staff assistance visit in which the team stated, "Strong management efforts to identify deficient areas and prevent recurrence through corrective measures were obvious."

Another area in which the command post shined was esprit de corps.

They are to be commended for building a cohesive team of controllers. Their pride in ownership and positive attitudes toward mission accomplishment were obvious, according to the SAV team.

"Fortunately we have a unique blend of airmen and NCOs who achieve outstanding results daily, while enhancing morale and unit cohesiveness," said Capt. Michael Lyle, 355th Wing CP chief. "Without a doubt our morale and controller participation set us apart from the rest of the CPs in ACC."



Airman 1st Class Ateaya Pearson (standing) and Senior Airman Jennifer Marrero, 355th Wing Command Post, ensure recall roster information for all squadrons on D-M is up-to-date and accurate.

"I like the collective family we have here. We work together and play together. Our morale is very high," said Airman 1st Class Ateaya Pearson, 355th Wing CP emergency action junior controller.

The airmen and NCOs were an integral part of the command post being named best in ACC. "It's a direct reflection of the dedication of the airmen and NCOs," said Clary. "We gave them the direction and they took off running."

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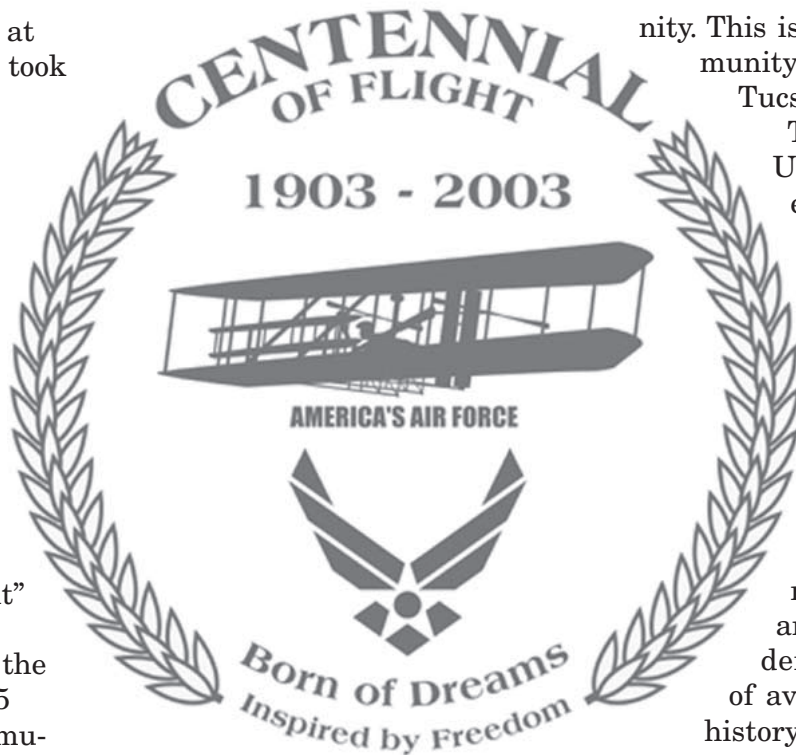


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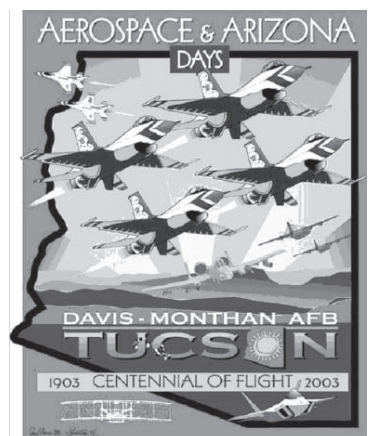
A&A Days: From Wright Brothers to right now

Launched by the Wright brothers' flight at Kitty Hawk, civilian and military aviation took off on a nearly century-old flight that has been evolving and has yet to reach a final destination. Along the way, advances have been many — going from open cockpits to canopies, gasoline engines to jet propulsion, bi-wings to single wings, cloth and metal construction to composite materials, just to name a few. As we celebrate the advances of the past and look to the future, we'll forever keep in mind Orville and Wilbur Wright and their historic flight: Dec. 17, 1903. Aerospace and Arizona Days 2003 is scheduled for March 29 through 30. The show is centered on the theme of "Centennial of Flight" and will focus not only on the significant progress made possible due to aviation in the past 100 years but also Davis Monthan's 75 years of partnership with the Tucson commu-



nity. This is our opportunity to work with the community to put on the largest airshow ever in Tucson.

This year, we are honored to feature the United States Thunderbirds who are celebrating their 50th anniversary. We also are pleased to announce that Patty Wagstaff, Arizona Aviation Hall of Fame inductee, will be performing. Although this schedule is not complete, attractions that can be expected are A-10 Demo, Apache, EC-130, F-4, MiG-17, B-25 and multiple civilian aerobatic aircraft. We are excited to present the public with not only a great day of entertainment but also an educational demonstration of aviation history.



IMPORTANT NOTE: Backpacks, large purses, duffle bags, camel backs, coolers, bicycles, chairs, pets and weapons and other contraband are not allowed in the airshow. This will be enforced to ensure public safety and eliminate foreign object damage hazards on the flightline. Baby bags will be allowed but searched. All personnel and their belongings entering the airshow are subject to search.

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Military pride in civilians

By Matthew Weir

Air Land Sea Application Center

A sailor once said to me, "When I imagine what a Marine would look like, I see a guy just like you."

I had recently graduated from Marine Corps boot camp. His comment made me feel 10 feet tall.

Today, Marine life is behind me. I still cherish my memories, but I have traded my rifle for a pen, my Marine Corps blues for a suit and tie, and my enlisted pay for a general schedule (civilian) paycheck.

One thing will never change – I still take pride in my work and working with the military.

So why doesn't, "just like a typical civilian," sound like a compliment?

Some civilians are lazy, use the system to their advantage and make the entire civilian workforce look bad.

As a captain, my supervisor found himself in the middle of a fraud investigation concerning more than \$500,000. The personnel assistant and budget analyst in his unit were signing their own time and attendance cards and racking up more than 30 hours of overtime per paycheck.

Today, he is an outstanding and understanding boss, but the ordeal could have left him jaded toward all civilian military employees. I recently overheard a military member say, "There are civilian

employees who won't lift a finger to help you if they are on their lunch hour."

As a Marine corporal, I would have agreed with him. It seemed to me that nothing on base got done between 11:30 a.m. and noon.

Today, as a civilian, I understand the constraints that some civilians face in their daily schedules. In Barstow Calif., for instance, if the civilians didn't eat in that scheduled 30 minutes, they forfeited lunch for the day. Most civilian employees are here because we love working with the military and want to see the U.S. continue to be the most powerful military in the world. These are the same reasons military members do what they do. Try to remember that before passing judgment on anyone.

Final Answer

What was your worst job and why was it the worst?



**Senior Airman
Mia Johnson**

Area Defense Counsel

"When I was a nurse's aid, because I was always covered in bodily fluids."



**Tech. Sgt.
Edward Stone**

355th Logistics
Readiness Squadron

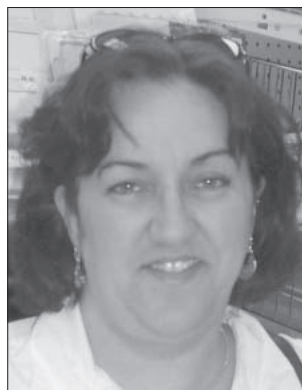
"When I was a skycap in Kentucky, because I was paid below minimum wage."



Sherri Carter

Wife of Airman 1st Class
Keith Carter
358th Fighter Squadron

"Working at a local restaurant, because I had to serve people inedible food."



Mari Ramirez

Wife of Retired
Staff Sgt. Rafael Ramirez.

"Working at a drive in movie theater, because I had to sit in the box office all night."



**Retired Senior Master
Sgt. Eldred Caillouet**


"Driving partiers around in a stretch limousine. They were unruly and rowdy and always smoking marijuana."



Capt. Angela Schloer

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"Working in fast food. I didn't like anything about it. That's why I only worked there for a few months."



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Monster truck tragedy reinforces Air Force safety

By Senior Airman Troy Hawkes
355th Wing Public Affairs

A group of friends and I were afforded an opportunity Sunday to attend The Rolling Thunder Monster Truck Challenge at the Tucson Convention Center. This happened to be my first time at one of these events, and I expected a day filled with dirt, outrageous stunts and hours of car-crushing action.

What I did not expect was to be the unintentional witness of a participant's fatal accident.

Between sessions of monster truck madness, other activities were held to awe the spectators. Among these were the 'tough truck' races.

Tough trucks are mainly street trucks that have been modified to various degrees to handle the jumps and dirt track better. Many of these vehicles have extra safety equipment installed in case of an accident.

The track consisted of three

small jumps on each side and one larger jump in the middle.

The trucks make two laps, one on each side, ending with the middle jump.

About halfway through the second round of tough truck races, tragedy struck.

At about 3:30 p.m., a blue pickup went around the first corner of the track, preparing for the larger jump. The driver kept the throttle down through the curve and all the way to the apex of the jump. His vehicle landed on the front bumper, and as the crowd applauded, it flipped over onto the roof, crushing the truck and its passenger.

The commentator attempted to employ distraction tactics, such as throwing shirts to members of the audience, as paramedics rushed to the truck and used the Jaws of Life to gain entry to the vehicle. Black makeshift tarps were lifted to block the audience's view, as the man was loaded into the

ambulance and rushed away.

The man, Leo Harvey, was taken to University Medical Center, where he passed away, due to his injuries.

Crushing type injuries to the head and neck were cited as the cause of death.

The truck had no roll cage or other safety equipment installed to avoid such a catastrophe.

The image of the truck lying on its roof, crushed like a tin can, will remain etched in my mind's eye for a very long time.

As a member of the Air Force for more than four years, I have participated in my share of safety inspections, Form 1800 checks on vehicles and numerous other safety precautions.

I realize that many people don't understand or feel the need for these measures. I may have been counted among their number once upon a time.

Any doubts I may have had about the Air Force's intensive

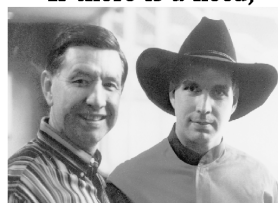
safety programs were permanently allayed by witnessing a man get crushed to death because of lack of appropriate safety gear.

I feel this tragedy was an unnecessary waste of the most valuable resource, human life, which could easily have been avoided.

Somewhere out there, family members are attempting to come to terms with their grief. Tears will be cried and self-accusations will occur. The bitter moments are just beginning for these hapless victims of circumstance.


I would like to entreat everyone reading this, please take safety issues seriously. Safety programs are there for a reason. You don't want to be the reason your mother can't sleep at night; or the reason your son, daughter, wife, or husband sobs uncontrollably as handfuls of dirt are scattered over your coffin. The risks are all too real and the consequences all too deadly.

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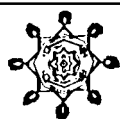
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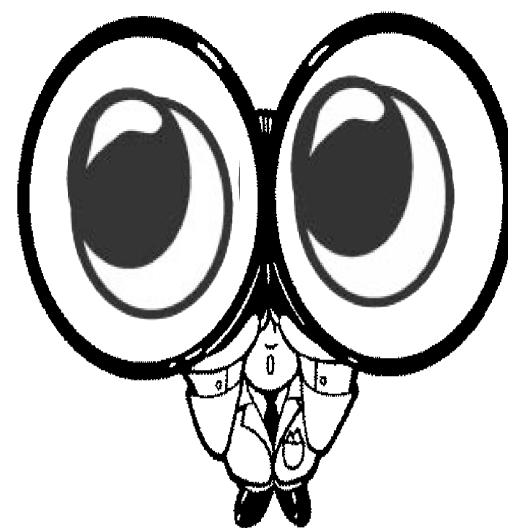
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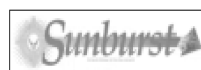
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Duty title: Customer service representative
Hometown: Houston
Years of service: Two years, six months
Reason for joining the Air Force: To serve my country and get away from home.
Main responsibilities: Making ID cards. I also file the unit personnel record groups and schedule individuals for the Right Start briefing.
Best aspects of job: I don't have to work week-ends.

Goals: My goals are to retire from the Air Force, retire from the post office and live happily ever after.
Hobbies/outside activities: Watching television, shopping, going to the movies and trying new kinds of food.
Favorite thing about D-M: The weather
Best assignment: Davis-Monthan is my first assignment, so that is my best.
Inspiration: My mother, because she is hardworking. She is very dedicated and willing to accept any new challenges.

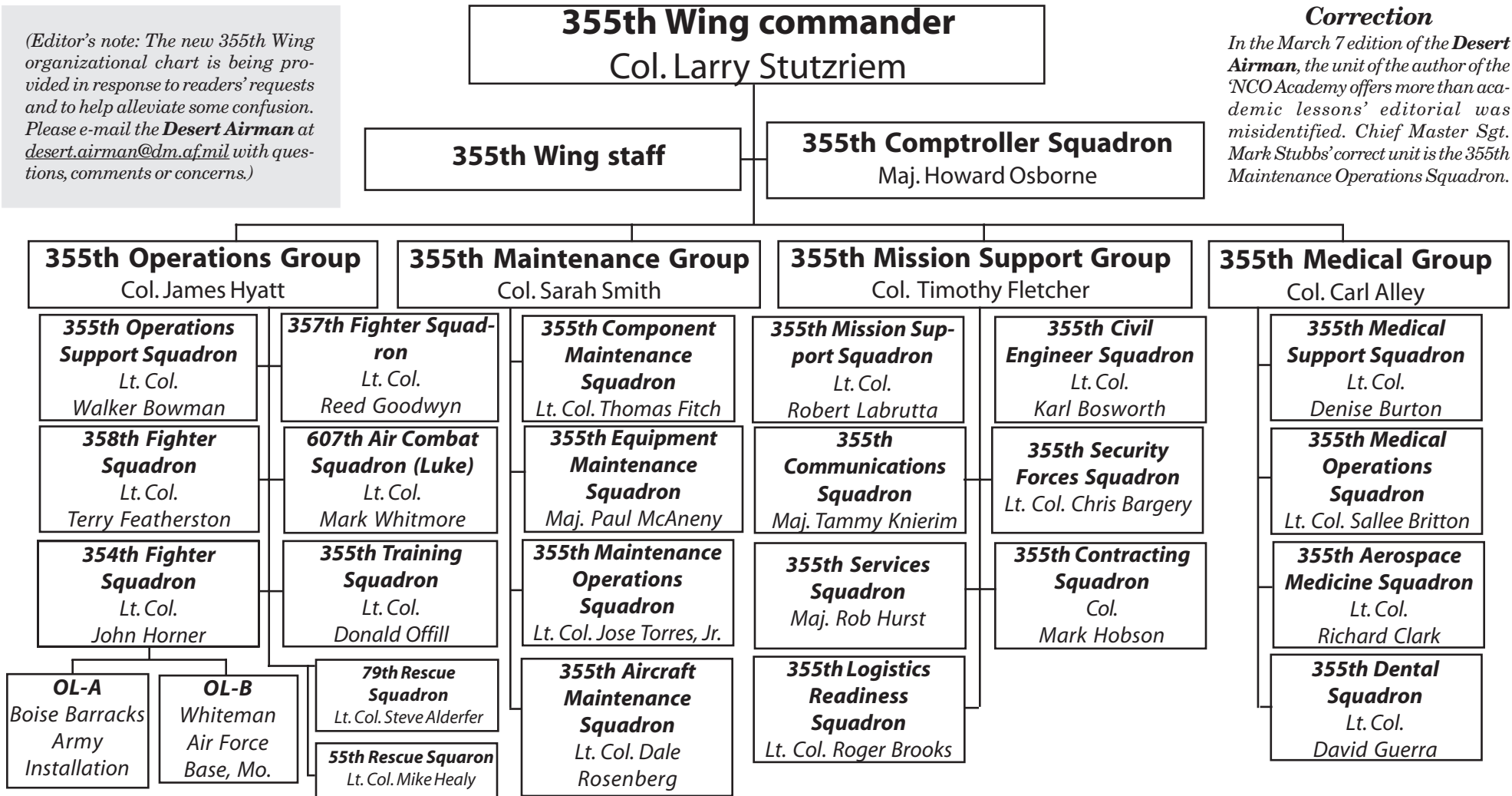


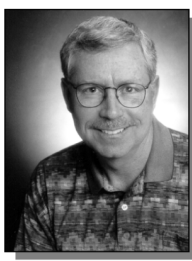
Senior Airman Troy Hawkes

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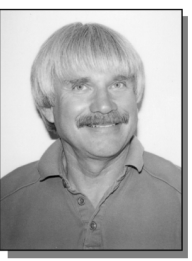
In the March 7 edition of the *Desert Airman*, the unit of the author of the 'NCO Academy offers more than academic lessons' editorial was misidentified. Chief Master Sgt. Mark Stubbs' correct unit is the 355th Maintenance Operations Squadron.

(Editor's note: The new 355th Wing organizational chart is being provided in response to readers' requests and to help alleviate some confusion. Please e-mail the *Desert Airman* at desert.airman@dm.af.mil with questions, comments or concerns.)





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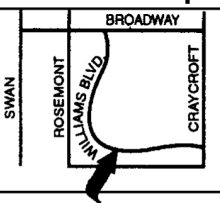
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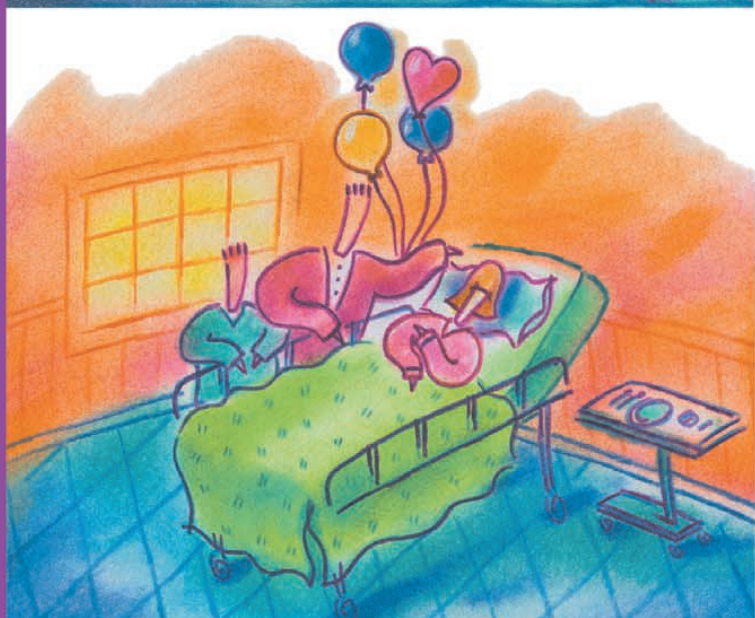
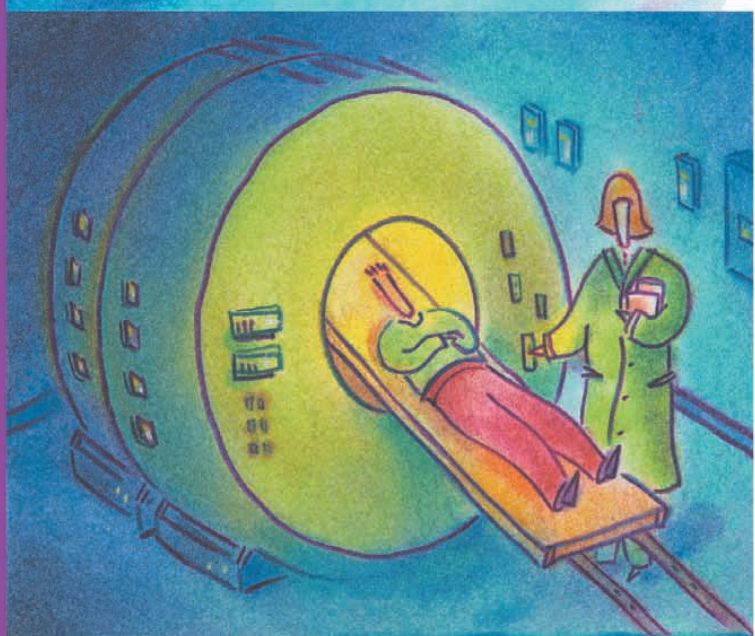
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by John P. Powers, DPM, Podiatric Surgery

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High heels may be a major problem for women, but they aren't the only problem. Pregnancy and age are just some of the factors which play a role in foot health.

The APMA determined that high heels — pumps with heels of more than two inches — are biomechanically and orthopedically unsound. High heels may contribute to a variety of foot problems including knee and back problems, injuries resulting from falls, shortened calf muscles, and an unnatural gait.

If you're a slave to fashion you can alleviate some of the high heel damage. Limit the time you wear high heels by alternating with more comfortable, naturally fitting shoes for part of the day.

Nylon stockings can cause foot woes, too. Because nylon doesn't breathe it creates a warm, damp area around your feet, inviting fungal infections (athlete's foot). The abrasiveness of nylon combined with a tight-fitting shoe is a recipe for blisters. Even more detrimental are tighter fitting support hose.

Pregnant women should take special precautions with their feet. Pregnancy changes the entire body, but supportive, shock-absorbing shoes with broad-based heels help swollen feet and ankles to bear the weight of those changes. A podiatrist should be seen if unusual foot discomfort is experienced.

Fat pads on the bottom of the foot deteriorate as you age, so older women experience more foot trouble than younger women do. Cushioned shoes are crucial, as is a soft flexible upper that conforms to the natural shape of the foot. Wearing leather shoes that "breathe" help prevent skin irritations on the feet.

If you experience continued pain an examination by a foot and ankle specialist is in order. Attempts at self-treatment can cost you not only time and money, they might make the problem worse. Preventing foot problems can be as simple as a wardrobe change and a little extra care — a small price to pay to avoid the agony of "de feet."

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4. I have five letters. If you take the first and last, I will still be the same. Even if you take the middle letter, I will be the same as before. What am I?
5. Until I am measured, I am not known. Yet how you miss me, when I have flown. What am I?
6. How would you rearrange the letters in the words "new door" to make one word?
Note: There is only one correct answer.
7. A word I know, six letters it contains, subtract just one, and twelve is what remains.
8. What can run but never walks, has a mouth but never talks, has a head but never weeps, has a bed but never sleeps?
9. My scale is something that does not weigh in grams, ounces or pounds. However, I may be heavy or light. What am I?
10. At noon and midnight the hour and minute hands are coincident with each

other. How many other times between noon and midnight do the hour and minute hands cross?

11. What is the only sport in which the ball is always in the possession of the team on defense, and the offensive team can score without touching the ball?
12. Find the English word that can be formed from all these letters: PNLLEEEESSSSS.
13. A rope ladder hangs over the side of a ship. The rungs are one foot apart and the ladder is 12 feet long. The tide is rising at four inches an hour. How long will it take before the first four rungs of the ladder are underwater?
14. Joe and Tom were sitting in the bar exchanging old war stories. Joe offered one about how his grandfather led a battalion against a German division during World War I. Through brilliant maneuvers, he defeated them and captured valuable territory. After the battle he was awarded a medal that was inscribed with: "For Bravery, Daring and Leadership. World War I. From the Men of Battalion 8." Tom looked at Joe and said, "You really don't expect anyone to believe that yarn, do you?" What's wrong with the story?

ANSWERS

1. Silence
2. Ton
3. A keyboard
4. The answer is empty. You can remove the first and last letter, and even the middle letter and you would have MT which when pronounced, is empty.
5. Time
6. Rearranging the letters in "new door" you get "one word."
7. Dozens
8. A river
9. Music scales
10. Ten times
11. Baseball
12. Sleeplessness
13. Actually, the ladder will rise with the ship.
14. World War I wasn't called World War I until World War II.

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D-M celebrates Women's History month

Reflect on past; look ahead to future

By Barbara Dycus

355th Wing Military and Civilian
Equal Opportunity Office

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base and the D-M Federal Women's Organization joins the nation in celebrating the accomplishments of American women and their many contributions to our nation during the month of March.

Following the presidential tradition, Feb. 28, President George Bush christened the month, proclaiming March 2003 as Women's History month. During his proclamation he highlighted the overall accomplishments of women and the singular accomplishments of Abigail Adams, Mary Kies and Madam C.J. Walker.

Adams was an early advocate of women's rights during the founding of our nation. She was also a farm and financial manager, and the mother of an American President, John Quincy Adams. Kies, in 1809, became the first woman to receive a patent. Her groundbreaking achievement paved the way for other women to achieve success as business professionals and entrepreneurs. In 1905, Walker started her own business selling hair care products for African-American women. After a decade, Walker's company celebrated great suc-

cess, employing more than 3,000 people, making it the largest African-American owned business at the time.

Throughout the past 100 years, women have struggled for the basic fundamental human rights we now enjoy, from the right to vote to the right to take our place in the American workplace. This month we honor and remember those women who pioneered unmarked territory, making the way for today's women to be able to work and excel in non-traditional roles because of the struggles and determination of those who have gone before us.

"At the dawn of the 21st century, women have more choices than ever before," said Bush in his Women's History Month proclamation. Between 1992 and 2002 the number of women in the workforce has increased by 8.7 million and women-owned businesses are growing twice as fast as all other U.S. firms, employing 7 million Americans and contributing significantly to America's economy.

The tremendous accomplishments of women throughout our history have enriched our lives and laid the foundation for our current successes. Although Women's History Month is set aside to observe the accomplishments of women in America's

past, it's also a time to recognize today's women who are making history for future generations. We honor the women of America's past by re-dedicating ourselves, setting ever-higher goals and building a brighter future.

The nation continues to reap the benefits of women who opened doors and made the choice of a military or federal career easier for those who followed.

Because of our foremothers, Operation Enduring Freedom currently has more than 1,800 women supporting the military effort and the military is still celebrating military firsts.

As recently as Jan. 31, the first all female crew flew an air refueling mission into Afghanistan from Ganci. The crew consisted of 1st Lt. Alison, navigator; Capt. Waynetta, pilot; Senior Airman Lyndi, boom operator; and Capt. Heater, pilot, all 99th Air Refueling Squadron, Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Last names

are being withheld for operational security.

"We believe in equality," said Waynetta. "But, the fact of the matter is, we're still girls, and we're doing something our grandmothers couldn't do."

The D-M Federal Women's Organization Women's History Month Committee will host a luncheon March 21 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the officers' club. Tickets will be \$8.30 for club members and \$10.30 for non-members. For more information or to purchase tickets, call Cheryl Millner, 12th Air Force, at 228-4767; Master Sgt. Rebecca Rogers, 355th Medical Operations Squadron, at 228-2311; Maj. Vivene Walters, 355th MDOS, at 228-2111; Lorna Estabrook, Aerospace Maintenance Regeneration Center, at 228-8992. Guest speakers will be Col. Sarah Smith, 355th Maintenance Group commander, and Dr. Renee Boss, University of Arizona pediatric physician. (*Information contributed by the Women's History Month 2003 Presidential Proclamation and Air Force Print News Service.*)



Staff Sgt. Shanda De Anda

Barbara Dycus, 355th Wing Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office, reviews recently filed MEO/EEO complaints. Dycus is also a member of the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base Federal Women's Organization and the Women's History Month Committee, who are sponsoring this year's Women's History Month luncheon March 21.



Capt. Elizabeth Ortiz

(Clockwise from lower left) 1st Lt. Allison, Capts. Heather and Waynetta and Senior Airman Lyndi, all deployed to 376th Expeditionary Air Refueling Squadron, flew an all-female KC-135 Stratotanker air refueling mission over Afghanistan Jan. 31. The crew are deployed from the 99th Air Refueling Squadron at Robins Air Force Base, Ga. Last names are being withheld for operational security.

Monthly Observances

What's with all these heritage months? African American Heritage Month; National Hispanic Heritage Month; National Disability Awareness Month; Asian/Pacific Islander American Heritage month; and Women's History Month are all observances that are set aside annually to recognize the achievements and contributions made by members of specific racial and ethnic groups in our society.

These annual observances are in support of Joint Congressional Resolution, Presidential Proclamation and achievements of all groups that comprise the society of the United States.

Since 1968, the Department of Defense has proudly supported special ethnic observances through the development of local programs of recognition and many diverse activities. For more information about D-M observances, or to get involved, call Barbara Dycus, 355th Wing Military and Civilian Equal Opportunity Office, at 228-5509. (*Courtesy 355th Wing MEO/EEO*)

Sports Shorts

D-M wins challenge with Huachuca

The Davis-Monthan Air Force Base intramural all-star team defeated the D-M Over-30 team Saturday, 69-56, in the finals of the third annual challenge with Fort Huachuca intramural teams. This year, for the first time, D-M teams took both trophies winning the championship and runner-up trophies.

New paintball range

The grand opening of the new paintball range will be April 18 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. There will be hamburgers, hotdogs and sodas. The range is located off Yuma Road at the old archery range and will be open Saturdays and Sundays from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. beginning April 19. For more information, call 228-3736.

Air Force Marathon

Registration is underway for the 2003 U.S. Air Force Marathon scheduled to be held at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio, Sept. 20. Reduced fees for early registration are available until June 30. The registration deadline is Sept. 4. To register, or for more information, visit the marathon Web site at <http://afmarathon.wpafb.af.mil/> or call the marathon office at (937) 257-4350 or (800) 467-1823.

Intramural softball

People who will be coaching intramural softball need to pick up Letters of Intent at the new fitness and sports center before the season starts. There is a scheduled coaches meeting Thursday at 11:30 a.m. in the new fitness and sports center. Pre-season will start approximately March 24. For more information on intramural softball or coaching opportunities, call Jay Junsay at 228-0022.

Fiesta Health and Fitness Expo

The 355th Services Squadron's Fitness and Sports Center will host their annual health and fitness expo May 9. This year's expo will be combined with a Cinco de Mayo celebration. For more information on the Fiesta Health and Fitness Expo, call Master Sgt. Ken Ramey at 228-0738.

Trap, skeet range

Have some fun practicing your marksmanship with the "clay birds" at the trap and skeet range. The range is open Saturdays from 8 a.m. to noon. For more information, call 228-3736.

Commander's golf tournament

The Tenth Annual Commander's Golf Tournament will be April 18 here at Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. The format will be



Photos by Staff Sgt. Russell Wicke

Up to the challenge

(Above) Heidi Commins, forward for the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base team, uses her dribbling skills in a unique type of soccer game to take on an opponent at Bladeworld Skating Rink Saturday. (Right) Beau Easterling, midfielder for the D-M team, goes in for a 50-50 challenge with an opposing player. Several members from Davis-Monthan took it upon themselves to put together a team to play in the soccer games sponsored by Bladeworld this year. These soccer games are different from what most people are used to however. Instead of an open field, the playing field is closed in like a hockey rink. This allows for a much faster paced game and changes boundary rules and scoring techniques. The D-M team started playing in January and is always open to others from D-M who are interested in playing for fun. For more information on the D-M indoor soccer team, call Commins at 228-2697.



the Foursome Texas Scramble. Entry fees for O-6 and above are \$50. All others are \$40. Costs include green fees, cart, range balls, and lunch. The entry deadline is April 11. Sign up is at the Blanchard Golf Course Pro Shop on base. For more information, call 228-3734.

Outdoor recreation volunteers

Outdoor Recreation is looking for volunteers to help with adventure trips including rafting, hiking, fishing, backpacking and more. Volunteers will lead trips, drive vans, and more. For more information, call 228-3736.

Baseball opening ceremonies

Baseball opening ceremonies at the youth center will be April 12 at 9 a.m. A game will also be played to go along with the festivities. Volunteers will be needed to make this event a great success. Contact the youth center if you would like to help in this event. For more information, call 228-8484.

Three-on-three basketball

The Underage Drinking Task Force is sponsoring a three-on-three basketball

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Scoreboard

Bowling

OWC

(Week 20)

Team	W-L
Bag Ladies	103-57
Forget About It	101-59
Raspberries	91-69
Shoulda Been	91-69
Alley Cats	82-78
M*S*p*	82-78
Pin Heads	72-88
High Game (Ladies): Donata Oliver, 203	
High Series (Ladies): Donata Oliver, 510	

Phantom Mixed

(Week 21)

Team	W-L
So So's	105-63
The Cajuns	103-65
Gutter Busters	96-72
Sangre Caliente	96-72
Alley Ooops	94-74
Hit or Miss	80-88
Rat Pack	78-90

Tuesday Early Risers

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
Sunflower Gals	125-75

Hit and Miss	122-78
Bad Beavers	119-81
Monarchs	116-84
Dream Catchers	109-91
Alley Kats	104-96
High Game: Aggravation, 498	
High Game (Ladies): Diane Scott, 254	
High Series (Team): Monarchs, 1487	
High Series (Ladies): Arlene Cook, 622	

CE Mixed Trio

(Week of Feb. 27)

Team	W-L
Good, Bad & Ugly	22.5-9.5
BJs Buns	20-12
Brew Crew	17-15
Cruisers	17-15
Powerball	16-16
Sigma Five	12.5-19.5
Just-4-Fun	12-20
The Cans	11-21

Intramural

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
12 AF #1	126-74
755th OSS	124-76
EMS/AMMO	118-82
CPTS/MSSQ	117-83
AMARC Woodmill	116-84

SVS #1	112-88
AMARC #1	108-92
SVS #2	105-95
25th OWS "Cats"	96-104
CRS	90-110
43rd	74-126
12th AF #2	74-126
MDG	64-136
COMM	58-142
High Game: AMARC Woodmill, 1150	
High Game (Men): Kary Harris, 298	
High Game (Ladies): Tara Rowden, 200	
High Series: AMARC Woodmill, 3378	

Thursday Night

(Week 24)

Team	W-L
Four Seas	116-76
PBJs	112-80
PCs	110-82
May-Bees	110-82
Man On	109-83
No Fear	109-83
Shaka	107-85
Mission Impossible	100-92
Hot Chili Peppers	86-106
Caps & Cars	82-110
Mickey's Mavericks	80-112
Strikes & Spares	78-114
FUBAR	76-116
Ice Breakers	69-123
High Game: Four Seas, 807	
High Game (Men): John Cook, 277	
High Game (Ladies): Jacki Zimmerman, 207	
High Series: Four Seas, 2230	
High Series (Men): John Cook, 734	
High Series (Ladies): Joyce Vaughan, 552	

DMAFB Pee Wee

(Week 27)

Team	W-L
Pee Wee #2	40.5-31.5
Pee Wee #1	31.5-40.5
High Game (Boy): Cam, 104	
High Game (Girl): Zupanich, 118	
High Series (Boy): Cam, 194	
High Series (Girl): Zupanich, 221	

DMAFB Bantams

(Week 23)

Team	W-L
Tigers of Terror	62-30
X-Bowls	57.5-34.5
The Good Team	36-56
Tuxedos	28.5-69.5

DMAFB Preps

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
3 Righteys and a Lefty	54.5-45.5
Strikers Five	52-48
Pin Busters	47.5-52.5
Double Trouble	46-54

DMAFB Juniors/Majors

(Week 25)

Team	W-L
Hit 'Em Up Boyz	65-35
Fireballs	55.5-45.5
Brunswick Bruins	54-46
Desert Strikers	54-46
One Pin Too Short	53-47
The Roadrunners	47.5-52.5
There's Been A Mistake	46-54

Sports Shorts

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tournament Saturday beginning at 8 p.m. The tournament will be held at the new fitness center, and is open to all DoD ID cardholders 18 years and older. For more information, call Staff Sgt. John Lane at 228-3704.

Fitness classes

There is now a circuit training class Tuesdays from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. at the Haeffner Fitness and Sports Center involving cardio aerobics, hand weights, jump ropes and more. This class involves high and low intensity aerobics.

Tae Kwon Do classes

Tae Kwon Do classes are being offered at the youth center. Space is limited. For fees and other information, call 228-8844.

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March 14	Dollar Dog, Drink & Popcorn
March 15	Picture Day
March 17	St. Patrick's Day Celebration
March 21	Autograph Day
March 23	Rockies Calculators
March 24	MLB Guides
March 25	Fan Appreciation

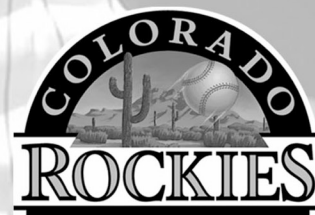
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16 CHC	1:05 17 AZ	18	19 CWS	20 SF	1:05 21 SF	22 AZ
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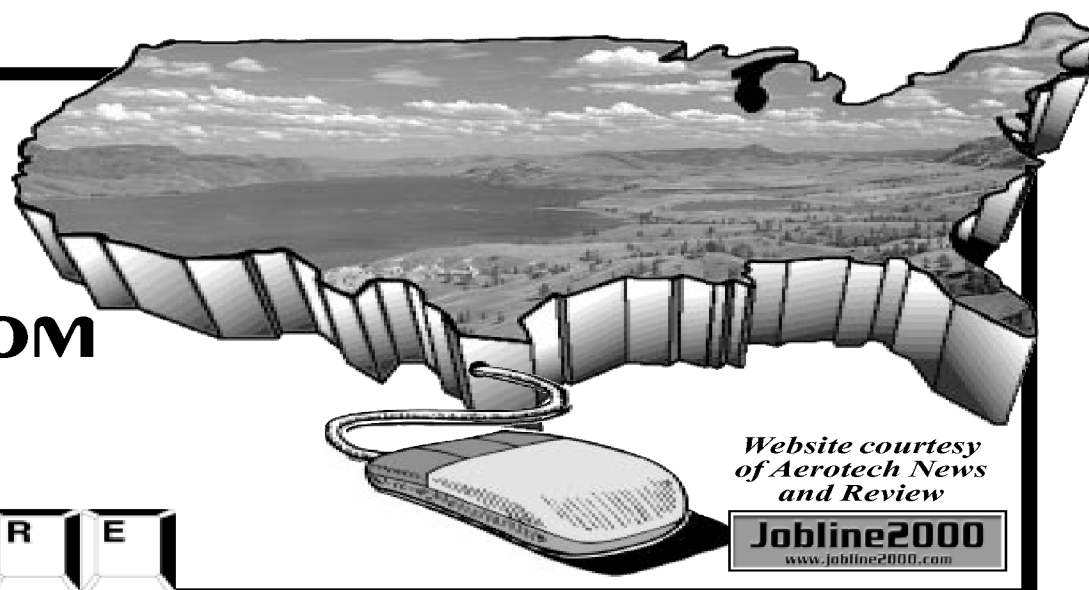
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Chapel Information

Services and activities offered by the D-M chapel are listed below. Location is at the Desert Dove Chapel unless otherwise noted. The Desert Dove and Hope Chapels share the parking lot at 5385 E. Ironwood. For more information on Jewish or Muslim services; Sunday School programs; Vacation Bible School; Bible studies; youth groups; and women's, men's and family ministry, call 228-5411.

Catholic Mass schedule

Saturday: Mass is at 5 p.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 4:30 p.m.

Sunday: Mass is at 7:30 and 10 a.m. Sacrament of Reconciliation is at 9:15 a.m.

Daily: Catholic Mass and Communion is at 11:30 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Rosary begins at 11:10 a.m.

Protestant Services schedule

Sunday: Contemporary Service is 8:30 a.m. and Gospel Service is 11:15 a.m. at Hope Chapel. Traditional Service is at 11:15 a.m.

Education Services

Troops to Teacher briefing

There is a briefing in Building 3200, Room 243 today for those interested in becoming teachers through the Troops to Teachers Program. Sue Collins from the State of Arizona, Department of Education will conduct the briefing. For more information, call Phil King at 228-4249.

Course 12 testing

Effective now, temporary testing for Course 12 has been set up until a final schedule is approved. Course 12 testing will be Thursdays at 10 a.m. in the base training and education office testing center, Room 265. Testing is limited to five personnel. For more information, call Phil King at 228-3812.

BTES new hours

Effective April 1, hours for the base training and education service office will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CCAF advisor

The base training and education service office has a part time Community College of the Air Force advisor for academic advising on the CCAF Degree Program. Find out what needs to be completed with a CCAF degree. For appointments Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., call Claudia Rodriguez at 228-3472.

Family Support Center

Hearts Apart Activity

If your spouse is on remote, temporary duty assignment or an extended deployment, join the Hearts Apart group Saturday for two hours of bowling fun from 1 to 3 p.m. at the Davis-Monthan bowling center. Individuals must be registered in the Hearts Apart Program to attend. For more information, or

to register, call 228-6017 or 228-2336.

Air Force Aid educational grant

Applications are available at the family support center for the Henry H. Arnold Education Grant. The \$1,500 grant is for full-time college students. The deadline is today. For more information, or a list of those eligible to apply, call 228-5690.

Deployed Spouse Info Seminar

There is a Deployed Spouse Info Seminar March 26 at 9 a.m., 2 p.m. or 7 p.m. at the Hope Chapel. Free babysitting is provided. There will be several different speakers and a great deal of information provided. At that time, you can also sign up for the readiness programs. For more information, or to make reservations, call 228-5690.

TAP Seminar

There is a Transition Assistance Program Seminar Wednesday through March 22 from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in Building 3200, Room 266. The seminar focuses on preparing departing service members to conduct an effective job search in the civilian marketplace. Individuals retiring are eligible to attend two years prior to their retirement. Others separating can attend within a year of separation. For reservations, call 228-5690.

Happenings

ASIST training

There is applied suicide intervention skills training Wednesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Desert Dove Chapel. The class offers skills that can help save the life of a person at risk for suicide. ASIST participants report that 10 lives have been saved at D-M. To sign up, call 228-5411, or e-mail randall.groves@dm.af.mil.

Kindergarten Round-Up

Smith Elementary School has Kindergarten Round-Up Day March 25 from 9 to 10:30 a.m. for students who will be five years old by Aug. 31. There is a brief orientation for parents while future students visit in a classroom. Bring immunization records, birth certificate and proof of residence. If you have not received pre-registration papers, call the school office at 584-7300. You may return the paperwork at your convenience during office hours or on Round-Up Day.

Enlisted Spouses Association meeting

The ESA meets Tuesday at 6:15 p.m. at the Desert Oasis Enlisted Club in Monte's Room. A social will follow immediately afterwards. Theme of the month is Spring so please bring a small potted plant. For more information, call Dena Wakefield at 747-3461.

Asian Pacific American Heritage

The Asian Pacific American Heritage Month Association meets the first Friday of

the month at 3:30 p.m. at Cabanas. They are currently planning the activities for May. This is open to anyone interested in helping with the planning. For more information, please call Tech. Sgt. Mark Dee at 228-2680.

Book fair

Frank Borman Elementary School offers a buy-one get-one-free book fair from March 31 to April 4. This season's theme is 'Get clued in to reading'. There will also be a family night event April 1 from 5 to 7 p.m. including games, prizes, refreshments and special guest visitors. For more information, call Frances Weesner at 748-1591 or 584-4600 or send an e-mail to mjdremel@cox.net.

Movies

Movies begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. Admission is \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children under 12 and senior citizens. Admission is for DoD ID card holders and their guests only. For the theater movie recording, call 748-1157.

Friday: Darkness Falls (PG-13)

Kyle Walsh returns home to confront his troubled past and save his childhood sweetheart, Caitlin, and her younger brother, Michael, from an unrelenting evil that has plagued their town for more than one hundred and fifty years. *1 hour, 25 minutes*



Saturday: NARC (R)

Eighteen months after the ill-fated chase that ends tragically with the death of a baby, undercover cop Nick Tellis is hitting bottom. His wife is not eager for him to return to the force, but when an undercover cop is killed in the line of duty, he is summoned onto the case because of his invaluable understanding of the street. Teamed with Harry Oak, the slain cop's partner, Tellis slips into old patterns as the underworld he knows too well ultimately sucks him in. *1 hour, 45 minutes*



Sunday: Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (PG-13)

This is a fictitious story about the secret life of Gong Show host Chuck Barris. It includes the time he spent as a CIA assassin in which he made hits while under the guise of chaperoning the game show contestants who won vacation prizes on the show. *1 hour, 53 minutes*





D-M Officers' Club in March 2003

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Club: 748-0660 Club Closes Mondays at 2pm Lunch: M-F 11am-1pm Dinner: Wed-Thurs 5:30-8pm Sunday: Brunch 10am-2pm	Barber Shop: 748-8968 M-F: 8am-5pm	Members receive up to a \$3 discount per person for dinner and up to \$2 discount per person for lunch! "It Pays to be a Member!"	Join us for lunch Mon-Fri 11am-1pm			
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Services Activities

Free St. Patrick's Day button

All customers wearing green who visit the arts and crafts center Saturday will receive a free St. Patrick's Day button. For more information, call 228-4385.

Image Makers Photography Contest

Youth from kindergarten through 12th grade can enter or pick up a copy of the official rules for the 2003 National Image Makers Photography Contest at the youth center. Entries can be submitted in five categories including digital, black and white, color, photo essay and alternative process. Photos are due March 31. For more information, call the youth center at 228-8484.

Family child care program

Davis-Monthan Air Force Base has a need for more infant and toddler family child care providers. There is little or no cost involved and providers receive all of the guidance, support, training and information to be successful. Air Force guidelines define FCC as 10 hours or more of care weekly or on a regular basis in government quarters. An FCC home has no more than six children younger than age 8 years old at one time. For more information, visit the family child care office in Building 700 or call 228-2201.

Community center bingo

The community center has bingo games Tuesdays. Doors open at 5 p.m., early bird games start at 6:30 p.m. There are lots of games, cash prizes and jackpots from \$50 to \$1,000. Stormy's Cafe will be open serving a variety of food and beverages. You must be 18 years to play and youth, 15 years or younger are not allowed in the facility without a parent or guardian.

Consignment program

Artisans can place their handmade crafts, carvings, artwork or photos at the arts and crafts center Tuesdays through Saturdays for sale with the consignment program. Sales are subject to a 30 percent consignment fee.

Retiree and deployed family meals

Retirees and their families are invited for meals at the Desert Inn Dining Facility Saturdays and federal holidays. Deployed family meals are Tuesdays from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m. For more information, call 228-1303.



DESERT OASIS ENLISTED CLUB IN MARCH 2003

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Cashier Hours: T-F: 11am-5pm Office Hours: T-F: 9am-4:30pm TOP 3 Lounge: Fri: Opens 3pm	Shock Wave Lounge: Mon: Closed Tues: 4-11pm Wed-Thurs 4-11:30pm Fri: 3-11:30pm Sat: Closed Sun: Closed (Open Super Bowl Sunday)	Cabanas: Mon: 10:30am-9pm Tues-Thurs: 10:30am-9pm Fri: 10:30am-10pm Sat: 1-10pm Sun: 10am-8pm	Eat at the O'Club Lunch Served: Mon-Fri 11am-1pm Dinner Served: Wed & Thurs 5:30-8pm	Barber Shop: Mon-Fri: 8am-5pm Sat: 8am-1pm 748-8710		
Don't Forget Sunday Brunch at the O'Club 10am-2pm Cabanas Open 10am-8pm CLUB CLOSED SUNDAYS	CLUB CLOSED MONDAYS Cabanas Open 10:30am-9pm	Members First DOLLAR DAYS 5 ACC DOLLAR DAYS! Dinner Only \$1! 5:30-8pm at the O'Club (Members Only)	Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm Wrecking Crew DJ 7-11pm 2-4-1 Steak Special 5:30-8pm \$12.95 (members & guests only)	Shock Wave Lounge Social Hour Food 5-6pm Karaoke 5-8pm TOP 3 Lounge Open at 3pm Social Hour 5-6pm Every Friday!	Specials for our under 21 members! DM Members under 21 get all non-alcoholic beverages 1/2 price! Maintain your DM "Z" membership & get credit toward your 21st birthday party at the club! CLUB CREDIT AMOUNTS: 3 months = \$75 6 months = \$150 1 year or longer = \$300	Club Closed Saturdays
30 No Sunday Brunch & Cabanas Closed for A&A Days!		Shock Wave Lounge 4-11pm Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm Shock Wave Lounge 4-11:30pm Shock Wave Lounge Taco Wed! FREE tacos 5pm	Ladies Night! 7-9pm Reduced Drinks for ladies!	Shock Wave Lounge 3-11:30pm	29 Cabanas Closed for A&A Days!	

For current information on Services activities, check out our WEBPAGE at www.dmservicesonline.com

What's happening at the D-M clubs

Mongolian BBQ Dinner

The officers club offers a variety of special dinners Wednesday nights. This Wednesday the club offers their Mongolian Barbecue dinner. Check out the March calendars (pictured above) for details on each feast. For more information call 228-3301.

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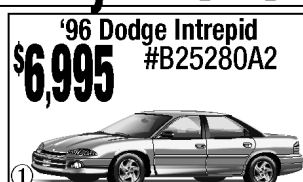
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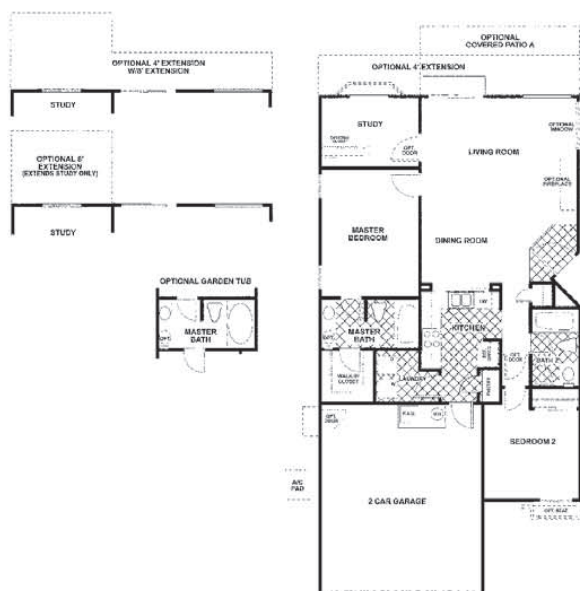
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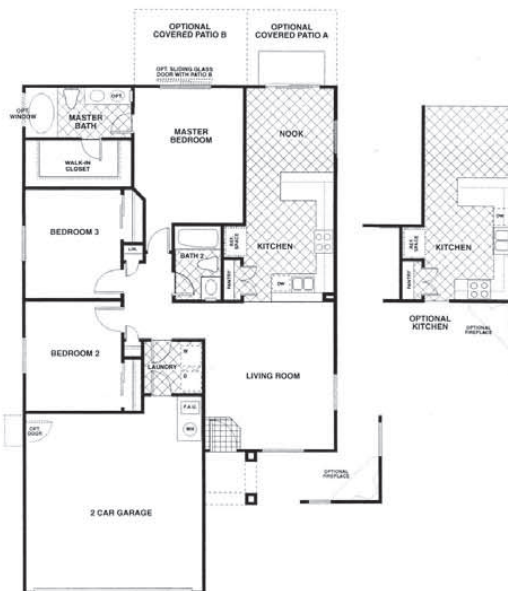
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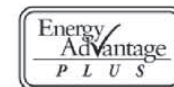
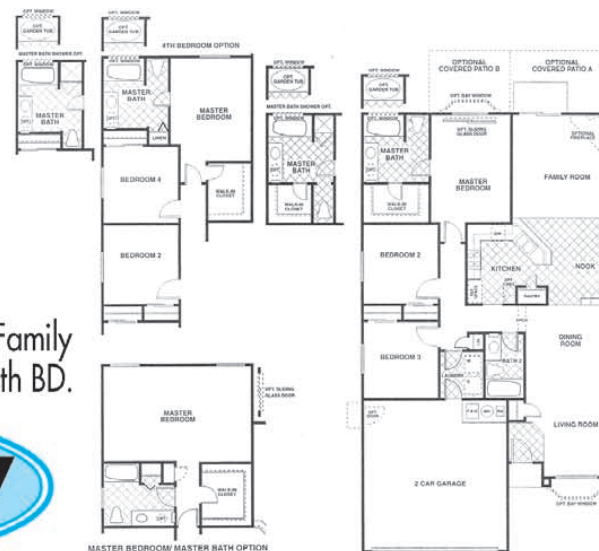
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